

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.
OF
MAHONING AND COLUMBIANA COUNTIES**

Executive Committee Meeting
September 19, 2019
OhioMeansJobs Mahoning County

Committee Members Present: Jim Burgham, Kelly Darney, Deann Davis, Brian Eskridge, Gwen Graves for Bob Bush, David Hughes, Rachel Ketterman, and Mary Ann Kochalko
Committee Members Absent: Mark Nicaastro
WDB Member: Mark Ragozine
Board Staff: Bert Cene and Sharlene Senediak

Deann Davis, WDB Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm after verification of a quorum.

Approval of Consent Agenda Item

Motion: To approve the consent agenda item as prepared.
Motion made by: Jim Burgham
Seconded by: David Hughes
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Review and Approval of Opioid Grant 3 Plan

The State was awarded an \$11 million Opioid Emergency Recovery Grant (Opioid Grant 3) to address the opioid crisis statewide. Local areas must submit a plan to the State to explain how the funds will be utilized moving forward. Area 17 will receive \$365,000, and the grant will end March 31, 2021. The plan is due to the State September 30, 2019.

The draft plan was distributed for review. Funding can be utilized on dislocated workers and individuals considered long-term unemployed. Services that can be funded include temporary employment in identified occupations aimed at alleviating the impacts of the opioid crisis in the community and occupational skills training. Individuals who indicate they, a family member or friend, have a history of opioid use, can receive training in any in-demand field. Individuals who indicate they, a family member or friend, do not have a history of opioid use, can only receive training in identified fields that can help alleviate the impacts of the opioid crisis. MCTA staff feel that utilizing funding for all the above-mentioned populations and services would best meet the needs of Area 17 and is the basis of the activities proposed in the plan.

The plan is categorized into the following pillars of success: 1) strong local partnerships, 2) knowledgeable staff, 3) holistic care management, and 4) recovery-friendly workplaces. An overview of the activities under each pillar of success, along with planned start and completion dates, was provided.

Motion: To approve the implementation plan for the Opioid Grant 3 funding as presented.
Motion made by: Kelly Darney
Seconded by: Rachel Ketterman
Discussion: None
Motion approved.

Operator's Report

The CCMEP report from July 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019 was provided. A new youth staff member was recently hired in Mahoning County to conduct more outreach to out-of-school youth/young adults. At a recent conference, the State indicated that job placements under CCMEP should align with a career pathway.

For the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs, this is a busy time of year with training enrollments. Efforts are being made to coordinate funds for training among WIOA formula allocations and the various grants received.

Area 17 PY17-18 WIOA CCMEP Fiscal Monitoring Final Report

A PY17-18 WIOA CCMEP fiscal monitoring was completed for Area 17, and there were no significant observations. This monitoring was also the first time the structure change was reviewed. One recommendation noted was to re-quote the current service contract for OJT monitoring. Rather than re-quote the service contract, the OJT s will be incorporated into the monitoring completed by the WDB Director.

Every two years, local workforce areas must apply for subsequent redesignation. In order to be redesignated, areas must maintain fiscal integrity and meet federal performance. It was recently learned that all areas will remain the same.

WDB Membership

Follow-up was made with members who have low meeting attendance. Those members are still interested in serving on the Board and will try to attend future meetings. A proxy will be sent when appropriate.

Good of the Order

No additional items to report.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.